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Dear Friends,

December is such a busy month for all of us which makes it easy to lose sight of those things that are important but we should all take a moment to step back, relax and think of all the good things that occurred throughout this past year. The holiday season, despite all its hustle and bustle, does remind us still of family, friends, good times and years passed. It also can be a time of difficulty, particularly for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are experiencing the holidays without that person for the first time. Over the years we have worked hard to reach out to those who have lost loved ones, particularly with our grief outreach programs. We want you to know that you are not far from our thoughts.

In my November message, I failed to mention by name those veterans who served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, as well as those currently serving and those who have served in smaller conflicts throughout our history. I wish to assure you that I meant to slight no one and I offer my thanks for your service to our great nation.

The future looks bright for the Kennedy Center and I have no doubt that 2012 will bring even more new programs and exciting changes. May I wish you the merriest of Christmas, the happiest of Hanukah and a most joyful holiday season to all.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Clasby Jr. Director





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Facilitator, Ellie O'Neil from South Shore Elder Services will share some of her holiday tips for caregivers. Ellie will be available to speakone on one with each participant about their specific needs.

> December 7, 2011 at 10AM At The Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum Street

Coffee and cookies will be served.

If you would like to sign up for this event please call the Quincy Council on Aging at 617-376-1506 and please have your member number ready.





MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Men's Discussion

Group is now going into its second year. The group meets on the second Thursday of every month and usually has a guest speaker.

New members are cordially invited.

Jewelry Making Classes & Sale



Jewelry classes will be held at the Quincy Council on Aging. Learn how to make a piece of jewelry and learn to reshape or redesign old jewelry. If you like it you may purchase it for a small fee.

Jewelry Class & Sale December 9th

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Kennedy Center

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Quincy Public Safety Workshop

The Quincy Fire Department, Quincy Police Department and the Sheriff's Office will be at the Kennedy Center for a public safety workshop.

Friday, December 9th at 9:00am At The Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum Street

Refreshments will be served.

To register for this event please call the Quincy Council on Aging at 617-376-1506 and please have your member ID number ready.







Ongoing Programs at the Kennedy Center

<u>Program</u> <u>Time</u>

Mondays - Foot Screenings - 1st Monday By Appointment

Hearing Screenings - 3rd Monday

By Appointment
1:00pm-2:00pm

Line Dancing 10 am

Scrabble 11:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesdays - Shine Program By Appointment

Piano Lessons By Appointment

Sewing 10:00 am

Computer Classes 10:30am—11:30am

Dance 10:00 am

Yoga for Seniors 12:30 pm—1:30 pm

Movie 12:00 pm

Wednesdays - Foxwoods Trip - 2nd Wednesday 8:00 am

Shine Program By Appointment

Knitting Group 10:00 am Volleyball 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Blood Pressure 11:00 - 12:00 pm Computer Classes 1:30pm -2:30pm

Thursdays - Exercise 9:00 am

Men's Discussion Group -2nd Thursday 10:00am

Sing-A-Long 10:00am –12:00pm

Mah-jongg 10:00am

Blood Pressure 10:00am -11:00am 10:00am 12:00nm

Chess 10:00am –12:00pm Yoga for Seniors 12:30pm –1:30 pm

Whist Group 1:00 pm

Fridays - Bridge 12:00pm -3:00pm

Financial Planning By Appointment

Simple Wills - 3rd Friday By Appointment





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10 Tips for a Good Night Sleep!

1. Avoid Stimulants Late in the Day: coffee, alcohol, sweets, sugars, smoking

2. Bedroom Temperature:

no higher than 70 degrees, cooler is better within reason

3. Exercise Regularly:

first thing in the morning or late in the afternoon

4. Reduce Electromagnetic Frequencies:

don't sleep too close to the alarm clock, use a head set for your cell phone, don't stand in front of the microwave

5. Sleep in complete darkness:

close your blinds, shut the lights off and close your door

6. Get Adjusted Regularly:

a healthy spine will help reduce stress

7. Journal:

keep it by your bedside to jot down a things to do list, thoughts, problems, things you don't want to forget

8. Establish a Relaxing Bedtime Routine:

hot shower or bath, read a book, meditate, wind down

9. Keep Your Bed for Sleeping

10. Sleep in a Comfortable, Supportive Mattress: experts are replacing "firm" with "comfort"



Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace and happiness

-From the Kennedy Center



The Quincy Elder Services transvan service does not run if school is canceled.





South Shore Visiting Nurse Association

Presents...



A "Fall Prevention Program" will be presented by the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association at the Council on Aging. Come enjoy light refreshments and learn about practical ways to prevent falls from occurring. A physical therapist will lead the discussion covering topics such as assistive walking devices, shoes, lighting, and medications, and their role in preventing falls from occurring.

The South Shore Visiting Nurse Association has been providing quality home care to patients in the community for 100 years. Their Rehab Team s led by, Kim Portello, PT Manager, Rehabilitation Services.

If you would like to register for this event please call the Quincy Council on Aging at 617-376-1506 and please have your member ID number ready.

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Would you like to get on the Internet and see what it is all about?

Do you have a computer and are afraid of using it?

Well the answer to your questions should be to join the Senior Computer Class at the Kennedy Center. Our program has been going on for the past two years and we have over 150 satisfied students who are now actively using their own computers. Our classes are limited to 10 students so individual attention is given to each student. Questions are welcome at any point during class.

Conveniently scheduled on Tuesday morning (10:30-11:30) or Wednesday afternoon (1:30-2:30), classes are adaptable to your schedules and needs. Either bring your own laptop or use the Kennedy Center computers to learn about this exciting new technology. There are eight classes (one per week) that will start at the very core of the computer and continue to the Internet and beyond. There is no charge for this 8 week introductory instruction.

We are developing our new enrollment schedule, so it is the time to get on the class list. If you signed up before and did not get to attend the class, please sign up again. Please call 617-376-1506 to add your name to the list or stop by the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum Street. There are now openings for the Senior Computer Class starting the beginning of the year. Call now and enroll... see you in computer class.







Fun Facts 🕏 About December

December is the twelfth and last month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar. This is used in almost all the world today. It was the tenth month in the early Roman calendar. It became the twelfth month in a later Roman calendar. Until 46 B.C., December only had 29 days. But the Roman statesman Julius Caesar added two days to December, which made it 31 days.

In the northern half of the world, Winter begins in December. Winter does not begin until December 21 or 22, and most of December is usually warmer than other winter months. The latter part of December has long been a holiday season. Christians celebrate Christmas Day, as the birthday of Jesus Christ.

In the Northern Hemisphere, most birds have gone to warmer climates. But many animals are active. Mink, ermine, beavers, and foxes grow beautiful coats of fur. *Nature finishes preparing for the long winter ahead.* Many people make feeding places for birds and squir-

December Birthstone

The turquoise and zircon are the birthstones for December.

December Flower

Holly, narcissus, and poinsettia are the flowers for the month of December.







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Recipe of the Month

Tortellíní Soup

1 cup of water
14 oz. dice tomatoes
1 cup of water & 1 square vegetable bouillon
1 tsp. each basil and oregano
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 cups frozen broccoli, cauliflower and carrot
1 cup cheese tortellini

- In a large saucepan, combine the water, tomatoes, vegetable bouillon, basil, oregano and pepper. Bring to a boil.
- 2. Stir in frozen vegetables and tortellini. Return to boiling, reduce heat and simmer for 5 -6 minutes, or until tortellini noodles are tender.

FREE MOVIE OF THE WEEK MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!



<u>December 6th:</u> It's a Wonderful Life Starring: James Stewart and Donna Reed

<u>December 13th:</u> Miracle on 34th Street Starring: Edmund Gwenn and Gene Lockhart

<u>December 20th</u>: A Christmas Carol Starring: Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim

<u>December 27th</u>: The Santa Clause Starring: Tim Allen

The Kennedy Center 440 East Squantum Street Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

Refreshments are available for purchase Center's Café!

December Dates to Remember

<u>December 7th</u> National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 10th Full Moon

December 21st Hanukkah begins at sun

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December 22nd First day of winter

December 25th Christmas Day

December 26th Kwanza

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